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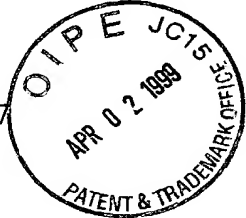
In re application of:

Kayyem, et al.

Serial No. 08/873,597

Filed: June 12, 1997

For: AC METHODS FOR THE
DETECTION OF NUCLEIC
ACIDS



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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated September 30, 1998. The amendment is accompanied by a petition for a three month extension of time and the required fee, making this a timely response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

19. (Amended) An apparatus for the detection of target nucleic acids in a test sample, comprising:

- a) a test chamber comprising a first and a second measuring electrode, wherein said first measuring electrode comprises a covalently attached conductive oligomer,

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